**GUSTAVO BERMUDEZ,** 

PLAINTIFF,

07 CIV. 9537 (HB)

VS.

CITY OF NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

## DEFENDANTS.

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Pursuant to Local Rule 1.4, the undersigned as counsel for plaintiff, Gustavo Bermudez, hereby moves this Court for permission to withdraw as counsel of record for the plaintiff. In support of this motion the undersigned represents:

- 1. The plaintiff never entered into a retainer agreement with Philip Russell,
  LLC. Philip Russell, LLC dissolved and the new law firm of Russell &
  Pastore, LLC mailed authorization forms for clients to sign for further
  representation. Plaintiff has not signed a retainer for legal representation
  under the new entity Russell & Pastore, LLC.
- The undersigned will no longer be an associate with Philip Russell, LLC or Russell & Pastore, LLC, effective May 1, 2008.
- 3. The undersigned has no individual written or oral agreement with Plaintiff to provide any legal services to him.

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- The plaintiff expects to be represented in this matter by James J. Pastore,
  Esq., the partner of this law firm, upon his admission to the Southern
  District of New York.
- 5. Notice of this motion has been sent via U.S. First Class Mail and e-mail to plaintiff, Gustavo Bermudez.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned respectfully moves this Court to grant her motion to withdraw as counsel of record for the plaintiff, Gustavo Bermudez.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

By Karen L. Mayer, Esq.
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SO ORDERED:
Harold Baer, Jr., U.S.D.J.
Harold Baer, Jr., U.S.D.J.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on April 30, 2008, a copy of the foregoing was filed electronically and served by mail on anyone unable to accept electronic filing. Notice of the filing will be sent by e-mail to all parties by operation of the court's electronic filing system or by mail to anyone unable to accept electronic filing as indicated on the Notice of Electronic Filing. Parties may access this filing through the court's CM/ECF system.

Karen L. Mayer, Esq.

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I will let you withdraw but if a new counsel is to come on board I'd like to know otherwise the plaintiff will be pro se and should contact Chambers to await a dismissal for failure to prosecute.